



Kivalliq Wildlife Board

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Repulse Bay

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NWMB, c/o Chairperson Ben Kovic

RE: NWMB reconsideration and final decision concerning the level of regional total allowable harvest for the Foxe Basin Polar Bear subpopulation

First of all, thank you for providing information on NWMB's reconsideration and final decision concerning the level of regional TAH for the Foxe Basin polar bear subpopulation.

The Kivalliq Wildlife Board gave verbal support to Qikiqtaaluk Wildlife Board's request to increase the Total Allowable Harvest by forty four (44) in the fiscal year 2013/2014. The communities of Hall Beach and Igloolik, as well as Chesterfield and Repulse Bay had numerous defense kills within the Foxe Basin polar bear subpopulation.

Although NWMB recommended to extend polar bear deterrence to Foxe Basin polar bear subpopulation; the Kivalliq Wildlife Board is showing support to NWMB's recommendation to extend WWF Canada and Department of Environment's polar bear deterrence to be expanded to both Foxe Basin and Western Hudson Bay subpopulations. The communities are not only experiencing a high number of defense kills, but also, experiencing high traffic of polar bears. KWB Vice-Chairperson Michel Akkuardjuk, and KWB regional coordinator Leah M. Muckpah took part of the Polar Bear Draft Management Plan consultation tour in the Kivalliq region in March/April 2014; and heard numerous people concerned with traffic of polar bears and the safety of the public in ALL Kivalliq communities. The Kivalliq Wildlife Board would like to make a statement that all communities in the Kivalliq refrain from conducting defense kills and only do so when required. The communities do work hard together to deter polar bears, and kill in defense when they get too close/walk into the community or public safety is a concern. The community members also refrain from camping because of the high traffic of polar bears and do not feel safe camping in tents anymore.



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